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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIONS: POSSIBLE IMPROPER ISSUANCE OF
I-20'S

REFERENCE: (A) TEHRAN 8627 (B) A-108 OF 1/8/75 (C) TEHRAN
8626 AND PREVIOUS

INS/BUR FOR EASTERN REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, MR. BRILL

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INS/WASH DC FOR MR. WACK, COEXM

INS/WASH DC FOR MR. BERTNESS, COINV
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1. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE ADDRESSEES REVIEW REF (B) FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MR. FISHBACK AND HIS ORGANIZATION (VISA).

2. EMBASSY TEHRAN REQUESTED TO SEND NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF WEST VISA ADVERTISEMENT TOGETHER WITH AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION TO THE DEPT (VO). DEPT (VO) WOULD ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING SWORN STATEMENTS OF APPLICANTS WHO MAKE COMMENTS SUCH AS THOSE CONTAINED LAST TWO SENTENCES PARA TWO REF (A).

3. THE DEPT IS ASKING THE INS TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION OF THE SCHOOLS LISTED IN REFERENCES (A) AND (C) AND ADDRESSEE POSTS WILL BE ADVISED OF THE RESULTS OF THE INS INVESTIGATIONS PROMPTLY ON RECEIPT. POSTS SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THE INS IS PURSUING, ON A PRIORITY BASIS, A LARGE AND GROWING INVESTIGATION OF QUESTIONABLE I-20 PROCEDURES AT SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PRINCIPAL IRREGULARITY APPEARS TO BE THAT SCHOOLS APPROVED BY INS TO ACCEPT FOREIGN STUDENTS ARE PROVIDING SIGNED, OUT OTHERWISE BLANK I-20'S IN LARGE, BULK QUANTITIES TO SATELLITE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOLS (ELS). SOME OF THESE SATELLITE SCHOOLS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN APPROVED TO ACCEPT FOREIGN STUDENTS BUT ARE DISTRIBUTING THE I-20'S TO ALIENS ABROAD DIRECTLY OR THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES, IN VARIOUS STAGES OF COMPLETION.

4. INSTRUCTION; TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON PAGE FOUR OF FORM I-20 PROVIDE THAT THE I-20 CERTIFICATE MAY BE SIGNED AND

ISSUED ONLY IN THE U.S. BY AN AUTHORIZED SCHOOL OFFICIAL OF AN INS APPROVED SCHOOL AFTER THE SCHOOL OFFICIAL DETERMINES THAT THE STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ALSO REQUIRE THE AUTHORIZED SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO COMPLETE PAGE ONE IN FULL FOR EVERY ALIEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION OR TRANSFER TO HIS SCHOOL. IN ADDITION, 8 CFR 214.3 (K) STATES THAT THE FORM I-20 MUST BE ISSUED IN THE U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY AN AUTHORIZED SCHOOL OFFICIAL. THUS RECRUITERS OR REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE NOT SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO COMPLETE OR SIGN I-20'S ABROAD IN BEHALF OF AN APPROVED SCHOOL. THERE ARE SOME CASES COVERING EXCEPTIONS WHERE A SCHOOL MAY COMPLETE PAGE ONE OF THE I-20 IN AN ABBREVIATED MANNER AS OUTLINED IN ITEM THREE OF PAGE FOUR IN THE INS INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS OF FORM I-20, WHEN THE FORM IS TO BE USED BY THE STUDENT'S

SPOUSE OR CHILD FOLLOWING TO JOIN THE STUDENT. ADDITION-
ALLY, 8 CFR 214.2(F)(6) PROVIDES THAT A STUDENT WHO HAS
BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT FOR PRACTICAL
TRAINING AND WHO TEMPORARILY DEPARTS FROM THE U.S. MAY
BE READMITTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE AUTHORIZED PERIOD
IF HE PRESENTS A FORM I-20 ENDORSED BY HIS SCHOOL TO
INDICATE THE DATE TO WHICH SUCH TRAINING WAS AUTHORIZED BY
THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR. OTHERWISE, SCHOOL OFFICIALS MUST
IN ALL CASES ENTIRELY COMPLETE PAGE ONE OF FORM I-20A.

5. THEREFORE, THE EMPASSY SHOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY I-20 THAT
IT KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO BELIEVE WAS ISSUED, SIGNED AND
ISSUED, DELIVERED OR SOLD IN TEHRAN BY REPRESENTATIVES,
RECRUITERS, AGENTS, VISA BROKERS, TRANSLATORS OR ANY OTHER

KIND OF INTERMEDIARY. ONLY THOSE I-20'S COMPLETELY FILLED
OUT AND SIGNED IN THE U.S. BY AUTHORIZED SCHOOL OFFICIALS
OF INS APPROVED SCHOOLS MAY BE ACCEPTED. ROBINSON

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